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MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1968.

It will be seen from the statistical tables that the Standardised Birth Rate 16.4 per 1,000 population is slightly lower than the National Rate of 16.9. The Infant Mortality Rate of 17 per 1,000 live births compares favourably with the National figure of 18.0. The Stillbirth Rate of 5 per 1,000 live and stillbirths is well below the National figure of 14 and this reflects great credit on all those connected with the Maternity Service in this district. The skillful and conscientious manner in which they have carried out their various duties is reflected in this very satisfactory figure.

The Standardised Death Rate of 10.2 per 1,000 population is below the National figure of 11.9.

With regard to the table of causes of death there has been an alarming rise in the number of deaths due to Cancer of the lung. There were 12 deaths from this disease in 1968 and 5 in 1967. It is now a well established fact that people who indulge in the heavy smoking of cigarettes are very liable to contract this disease, and it is tragic that so many persons at risk continue to disregard the advice given. The victims of this very unpleasant disease are usually in the prime of life with heavy family responsibilities. They are struck down and die just when their families need them most. It is very puzzling why so many intelligent and sensible people who are addicted to heavy smoking fail to take the necessary steps to break their addiction and so become marked down as future casualties from Lung Cancer. The serious epidemics in this country are no longer Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever or Tuberculosis but Lung Cancer, Coronary Thrombosis and Road Accidents.

The number of deaths from Coronary Thrombosis has also risen from 38 in 1967 to 51 in 1968. This disease is also associated with heavy

smoking. Deaths from Hypertension (raised Blood Pressure) rose from 1 to 4.

Deaths from Pneumonia and Bronchitis also showed a marked increase over the previous year, and this may be attributed in part to the spell of cold weather.

I do not think that special comment is called for with regard to any other items in this report.

It only remains for me to thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their support.

I am also especially grateful to the Chief Public Health Inspector and his colleagues and to all the staff of the Health department for their loyal co-operation and the enthusiastic way in which they have carried out their various duties over the past year. I should also like to express my thanks to the Clerk, Officers and other members of the Council Staff for their ready assistance and co-operation over the various matters with which it was necessary to consult them.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

K.M. HARDING.

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area	....	....	....	....	....	78,464	acres
Population (Registrar General's Estimate)	..					25,040	
Rateable Value	....	....	....	....		£656,278	
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	....			....		£2,575	

BIRTHS

				<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	....	....	....	214	195	409
Legitimate		....	....	207	189	396
Illegitimate		....	....	7	6	13

STILLBIRTHS

				<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	....	....	....	1	1	2
Legitimate		....	....	-	1	1
Illegitimate		....	....	1	-	1

LIVE BIRTH RATE

Total live and stillbirths	....	....	....	411
Crude birth rate per 1,000 population	....	....		16.3
Comparability factor	....	....	....	1.23
Standardised birth rate	....	....	....	16.4
Illegitimate birth rate (per cent of total live births)				3.25
Birth rate England and Wales	....	....	....	16.9
Stillbirth rate (per 1,000 total live and stillbirths)				5.0
Stillbirth rate England and Wales	....	....		14.0
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	....			1.19

INFANT MORTALITY

Deaths of infants under one year of age.

				<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	....	....	....	1	6	7
Legitimate		....	....	1	6	7

				<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Deaths of infants under four weeks of age.

				<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	-	3	3
Legitimate	-	3	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Deaths of infants under one week of age.

				<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	-	1	1
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births					17.0
Infant mortality rate England and Wales					18.0
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate births					17.1
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate births						nil
Neo-natal mortality rate	12.3
Early Neo-natal mortality rate	2.4
Perinatal mortality rate	7.0

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Number of deaths	....	....	....	....	....	1
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths				....	....	2.4

DEATHS

All cases	....	....	....	....	Total	271
					Male	145
					Female	126
Crude death rate per 1,000 population	....	....	....	....	....	10.8
Comparability factor	....	....	....	....	....	0.94
Standardised death rate	....	....	....	....	....	10.2
Death rate England and Wales	....	....	....	....	....	11.9
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate					....	0.85

COMPARATIVE STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Estimated population	20,540	20,800	21,830	22,650	23,800	25,040
Live Births	328	366	379	409	426	409
Crude Birth Rate	15.97	17.6	17.36	18.06	17.9	16.3
Standardised Birth Rate	17.25	19.01	18.74	19.5	21.66	16.4
Total Infant Deaths	7	6	7	10	7	7
Infant Mortality Rate	20.96	16.39	18.47	24.45	18.3	17.0
Total Deaths	231	216	217	263	195	271
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population	11.25	10.38	9.94	11.61	8.2	10.8
Standardised Death Rate	9.45	8.72	7.85	10.0	8.2	10.2

TUBERCULOSIS DEATH RATE (per 1,000 population)

East Suffolk County	....	....	....	....	0.03
Gipping Rural District	....	....	....	....	nil

CANCER DEATH RATE (per 1,000 population)

East Suffolk County	....	....	....	....	2.3
Gipping Rural District	....	....	....	....	1.8

CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATH (REGISTRAR GENERAL'S FIGURES)

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>1968</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>1967</u>
Tuberculosis - respiratory	-	-	-	2
Tuberculosis - other	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm - stomach	2	-	2	3
Malignant neoplasm - lung, bronchus	10	2	12	5
Malignant neoplasm - breast	-	6	6	3
Malignant neoplasm - uterus	-	1	1	1
Leukaemia	-	1	1	1
Other malignant neoplasm etc	16	8	24	17
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	1	-	1	-
Diabetes Mellitus	3	2	5	1
Mental Disorders	1	-	1	-
Meningitis	-	1	1	-
Other diseases of nervous system etc	3	5	8	-
Active Rheumatic Fever	1	-	1	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	2	3	5	-
Hypertensive Disease	1	3	4	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	27	24	51	38
Other forms of heart disease	11	9	20	25
Cerebrovascular Disease	20	19	39	31
Other diseases of circulatory system	10	8	18	12
Influenza	-	2	2	-
Pneumonia	13	18	31	12
Bronchitis and Emphysema	7	3	10	4
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	2	4	1
Peptic Ulcer	1	-	1	-

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>1968</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>1967</u>
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	1	1	-
Other diseases of digestive system	2	1	3	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	3	-	3	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	-	2	2
Other diseases of Genito-Urinary system	2	-	2	-
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal system	-	1	1	-
Congenital Anomalies	1	1	2	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc	-	1	1	-
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	-	1	1	26
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	1	3	3
All other accidents	2	2	4	6
	145	126	271	195

TUBERCULOSIS

(1) New Cases Notified

Pulmonary (lungs)	1 Male	1 Female
Non-Pulmonary (glands, bones, joints)	1 Male	- Female

(2) Ages of new cases

Pulmonary	Male 69	Female 67
Non-Pulmonary	Male 32	Female -

(3) Inward Transfers

Pulmonary	Male -	Female 3
Non-Pulmonary	Male -	Female -

(4) Cases crossed-off register as recovered during the year

Pulmonary Male 1 Female 3

Non-Pulmonary Male 1 Female 1

(5) Died during the year

Pulmonary Male 1 Female 1

Non-Pulmonary Male - Female -

(6) Outward Transfers

Pulmonary Male 1 Female -

Non-Pulmonary Male - Female -

(7) Cases on register at end of year

Pulmonary Male 19 Female 11

Non-Pulmonary Male 4 Female 8

(8) Tuberculosis Notification Rate (per 1,000 population)

East Suffolk County 0.19

Gipping Rural District 0.12

(9) Statistics for the past six years

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Primary Notifications	10	6	1	4	5	3
Transfers In	2	1	1	1	3	3
Notification Rate per 1,000 population	0.48	0.29	0.05	0.18	0.21	0.12
Deaths	5	nil	nil	2	1	2
Death Rate per 1,000 population	0.24	nil	nil	0.04	0.05	0.08

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS)

PERIOD DISTRIBUTION OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES - 1968

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Acute Pneumonia	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Erysipelas	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2
Measles	17	2	3	1	11	16	10	4	2	-	-	4	70
Scarlet Fever	-	1	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	7
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Totals:	18	4	4	3	13	16	11	7	2	-	1	5	84

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF NOTIFIED CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES - 1968

	Age in years										Not known	Totals	
	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-			65+
Acute Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Measles	1	8	8	9	13	29	-	1	-	-	-	1	70
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	1	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	7
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Totals:	3	8	8	9	14	34	1	3	1	1	-	2	84

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES TOTALS FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS

Disease	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Dysentery	9	44	2	7	15	-
Erysipelas	2	1	-	-	1	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	2
Infective Jaundice	1	-	-	1	1	2
Measles	268	152	170	239	340	70
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	1
Acute Pneumonia	3	1	-	-	2	1
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	2	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	1	2	-	-
Scarlet Fever	11	3	24	16	10	7
Typhoid	1	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	12	5	3	13	8	-

FOOD POISONING

(1) Notifications (corrected) returned to the Registrar General

1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
1	nil	1	nil

Total cases - 2

(2) Outbreaks due to indentified agents

Total outbreaks - nil Total cases - nil

Outbreaks due to:-

(a)	Chemical Poisons	nil
(b)	Salmonella Organisms	nil
(c)	Staphylococci (including toxin)	nil
(d)	Cl. Botulinum	nil
(e)	Other bacteria	nil

(3) Outbreaks of undiscovered cause

Total outbreaks - nil Total cases - nil

(4) Single cases

Agent indentified - 2

Agent unknown - nil

Total cases - 2

VACCINATIONS AND IMMUNISATIONS(Figures kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer of Health)

(1) Vaccination Against Smallpox

(a)	Number of primary vaccinations in 1968	-	208
(b)	Number of revaccinations in 1968	-	12

(2) Immunisations

Number of persons receiving immunisation in 1968 for:-

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Booster</u>
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis/Polio	-	-
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis	338	285

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Booster</u>
Diphtheria/Pertussis	-	-
Diphtheria/Tetanus	7	280
Diphtheria	-	-
Pertussis	-	-
Tetanus	32	107
Salk Polio	3	1
Sabin Polio	315	552

Measles - 216

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Action was taken under Section 47 of this Act to secure the removal of one man (Mr. L.M.) to hospital and another (Mr. C.C.) to one of the County Council's Old Peoples' Homes.

WATER SUPPLIES

(a) Public Supplies - Bacteriological Examination

Samples from our mains and borewells were as follows:-

Satisfactory	....	....	....	....	66
Unsatisfactory	....	....	....	....	-

(b) Private Supplies - Bacteriological Examination

1.	<u>Borewells</u>	Satisfactory	4
		Unsatisfactory	-
2.	<u>Deep-wells</u>	Satisfactory	2
		Unsatisfactory	-
3.	<u>Shallow-wells</u>	Satisfactory	1
		Unsatisfactory	2
4.	<u>Pond Supply</u>	Satisfactory	-
		Unsatisfactory	-

(c) The number of dwelling houses supplied from public mains is given below according to parish distribution:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Laid on to properties</u>	<u>Taken from standpipes</u>
Ashbocking	82	2
Ashfield-cum-Thorpe	41	-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Laid on to properties</u>	<u>Taken from standpipe</u>
Badley	15	-
Barham	274	-
Barking	99	-
Battisford	119	-
Baylham	62	-
Bramford	699	-
Buxhall	95	-
Claydon	450	-
Coddenham	154	-
Combs	151	-
Creeting St. Mary	215	-
Creeting St. Peter	50	2
Crowfield	78	-
Debenham	394	3
Flowton	26	-
Framsden	94	-
Gipping	10	4
Gosbeck	54	-
Great Blakenham	145	-
Great Bricett	36	-
Great Finborough	127	-
Harleston	49	-
Haughley	341	1
Helmingham	60	-
Hemingstone	45	-
Henley	145	2
Little Blakenham	51	-
Little Finborough	13	-
Mickfield	34	1
Needham Market	664	-
Nettlestead	26	-
Old Newton	202	-
Offton	65	-
Onehouse	175	-
Pettaugh	52	-
Ringshall	59	-
Shelland	19	-
Somersham	200	-
Stonham Aspal	134	3
Stonham Earl	143	2
Stonham Parva	89	-
Stowupland	598	-
Wetherden	134	-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Laid on to properties</u>	<u>Taken from standpipe</u>
Whitton	10	-
Willisham	65	-
Winston	44	-
Totals:	6,887	20

FOOD

93 inspections of registered food premises were made during the year.

Statistics relating to registration under the Food and Drugs Act are as follows:-

Ice Cream - 48 Sausages etc - 6 Fish Frying - 3

Meat inspection statistics are given below:-

	CATTLE EXCLUDING COWS	COWS	CALVES	SHEEP AND LAMBS	BOARS PIGS SOWS
Number killed and inspected	982	358	111	479	101013
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cystercerosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	11	12	6	780
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	104	142	5	59	30197
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis or cystercerosis	10.9	37.2	15.3	13.9	30.6

	CATTLE EXCLUDING COWS	COWS	CALVES	SHEEP AND LAMBS	BOARS PIGS SOWS
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carsases condemned	-	-	-	-	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned	-	-	-	-	2649
Percentage of the num- ber inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	2.6
<u>Cystercerosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

Freshly slaughtered meat found to be unsound at the time of inspection is stained with green dye and collected for processing by Contactors.

Poultry inspection statistics are given below:-

- (i) Number of poultry processing premises within the district 4
- (ii) Number of visits to poultry processing premises 235
- (iii) Total number of birds processed during the year 2,917,033
- (iv) Types of birds processed
 - Turkeys 777
 - Ducks nil
 - Hens 390,010
 - Broilers 2,454,399
 - Capons 71,847

(v)	Percentage of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption	0.7
(vi)	Weight of poultry condemned as unfit for human consumption	66,000 lbs

BIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK

By agreement with the East Suffolk County Council, Public Health Officers are responsible for the routine sampling for examination of all milk supplied in this Rural District. In cases where infection is found restraint notices are served.

Examination of Milk Supplies

<u>Statutory</u>	38 samples taken. All results satisfactory.
<u>Chemical Analysis</u>	8 samples taken. All results satisfactory.
<u>Biological</u>	14 samples taken. All results satisfactory.
<u>Antibiotics</u>	27 samples taken. All results satisfactory.

HOUSING

Summary of Housing Activities

Number of Houses inspected	81
Number found unsatisfactory	73
Number rendered fit by	
(a) informal action	23
(b) action under Public Health Act	4
(c) action under Housing Act	nil
Number of Demolition Order secured	15
Number of dwellings included in Clearance Areas secured	nil
Number of dwellings demolished under Demolition Orders	9
Number of dwellings demolished under Clearance Orders	nil

Number of dwellings in respect of which Closing Orders were made	23
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Housing Act, 1949 - Number of Improvement Grants (Discretionary and Standard) approved	84
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I am indebted to Mr. M.B. Gowers, Engineer and Surveyor, for the following reports:-

(a) Council Houses

Completed	46
Under construction (31.12.68)	6
Total completed (post war)	890

(b) Private Houses (Permanent)

Completed	291
Under construction (31.12.68)	135
Total completed (post war)	2,427

(c) Private Houses (Temporary)

Completed	nil
Under construction (31.12.68)	nil
Total completed (post war)	27

Grand total of Housing Units completed in the post-war period to 31st December, 1968, is therefore, 3,317.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The position at the end of the year was as follows:-

Schemes in progress

Onehouse
Somersham and Lt. Blakenham

Schemes contemplated

Baylham
Combs and Battisford
Crowfield
Ringshall and Gt. Bricett

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

(1) Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are enforced	2	2	nil	nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced	95	15	3	nil
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced	4	2	nil	nil
Total	101	19	3	nil

(2) Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	3	1	-	3	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3	1	-	3	-

No Outworkers were reported during the year.

WELL WATER CYANOSIS

Number of samples taken in 1968	....	....	6
Number considered safe	....	....	6
Number considered doubtful	....	....	-
Number considered unsafe	....	....	-

